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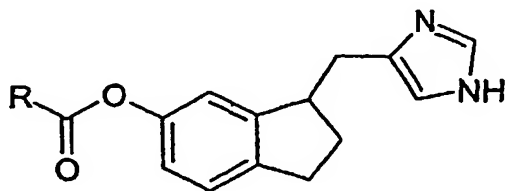
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(I)

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to novel prodrugs of MPV-2426, to methods for preparing said prodrug forms, to pharmaceutical compositions containing such prodrug forms, and to methods for using the prodrug forms. A compound of general formula (I), or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or hydrates thereof, wherein R represents unsubstituted or substituted lower alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or

substituted heteroaryl, unsubstituted or substituted lower alkylamino or saturated five or six membered heterocyclic group containing one or two nitrogen atoms.

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